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In re Patent Application of

**LAINE et al**Atty. Ref.: **30-543**Serial No. **09/787,629**Group: **1731**Filed: **March 21, 2001**Examiner: **Alvo**For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE THICKENING OF FIBER SUSPENSIONS**

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SEP 10 2003**REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF NEW EXAMINER ADVISORY ACTION**  
**TO CLARIFY THE OFFICIAL RECORD**

Sir:

The Advisory Action dated September 2, 2003 has been received but contains contradictory language which requires clarification.

Specifically, paragraph 3 of the Advisory Action and the attached Continuation Sheet page 2 notes that "...Applicant's reply [of August 14, 2003] **has overcome the following rejection(s).**" However, paragraph 7 of the Advisory Action notes that claims 20 and 22-28 are rejected and the Continuation Sheet notes that the applicants' arguments are "not convincing". Therefore clarification of the Official Record in this regard is requested.

With regard to the Examiner's non-consideration of the Alkaline Pulping text, applicants note that it was submitted as evidence of the state of the prior art relevant to

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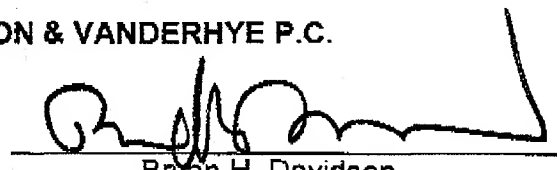
this invention. As such, it is suggested that it cannot knowingly be ignored by the Examiner.

Issuance of a new Advisory Action at the earliest possible date so as to clarify the record in this application is therefore believed to be in order, and is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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